



STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS FALL 2001 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

November 13, 2001
Pickwick Hotel
Birmingham

March 12, 2002
Board Offices
Montgomery

BOARD MEMBERS:

Edward L. Faddis
Marzette Fisher
Everett Hatcher, III
William W. Herrin, Jr.
Renis O. Jones, Jr.
Frank E. Litchfield, III

STAFF:

Cindy Gainey, Admin.
Janet Wells, Asst.

MARZETTE FISHER APPOINTED TO BOARD

Marzette Fisher was appointed on June 28, 2000, to fill the term formerly occupied by Richard E. Barrow. Marzette is Senior Vice President/Secretary of Giattina Fisher Aycock Architects, Inc., in Birmingham. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelors of Architecture in 1971. He is certified by both NCARB and NCIDQ.

Fisher is a member of the Birmingham Chapter AIA, a Director of Birmingham PATH, and a member of the National Building Museum. He currently serves as a member of the NCARB A.R.E. Lateral Forces Examination Committee. Fisher's term will expire on July 17, 2004.

LEGISLATURE PASSES INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE ACT

A new interior design practice act was enacted as a result of the 2001 regular session. Some highlights of Act 2001-660 are outlined below:

- (1) Creates registration processes for interior designer and registered interior designer.
- (2) Authorizes development of a "sealed level" examination, the exam one must pass to become a "registered interior designer."
- (3) Allows registrants under the Act to participate as firm owners with architects and engineers.
- (4) Requires building officials to accept interior designers' plans and issue applicable permits.
- (5) Revises the definition of the practice of interior design.
- (6) Establishes disciplinary procedures for violations of the Act.

Complete text of the Act can be found at the Secretary of State's web site: **www.sos.state.al.us**.

***** VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION *****
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
REGARDING ALABAMA-ONLY APPLICANTS

Recently, the Alabama Board received an Attorney General's opinion regarding Section 34-2-33(c)(2) of the Board's Registration Act. This provision has been referred to as the "Alabama-only" or "grandfather clause" of the Board's governing statutes, and applicants who were interested in applying for examination based on this provision filed a "letter of intent" prior to December 30, 1987, as required by the Act.

The Attorney General's opinion states that the applicant must have met the requirements set forth in the 1983 NCARB Circular of Information Number 1 **at the time he/she submitted the letter of intent.** The Board must now determine how many letters of intent on file are truly responsive to this provision.

The Board recently mailed a notice letter to all applicants who submitted a letter of intent for whom the Board has a valid mailing address. However, there are other individuals we are unable to contact at this time. Their names are listed below:

Janet Barber
Eric Bennett
Michael Black
Thomas Bryant, III
Ray Childree
Richard Duffey
Joshua Duncan
Timothy Duncan
Thomas Emody
Larry Furlong
John A. Gandy
Lesley B. Gandy
Wendy Johnson Gibson
Patricia Graveman
Hiram Greene
Edward Hester
Rebecca Johnson
Thomas B. Johnson
William O. Jones, III
Jennifer Kannapel
John S. Lackey

Michael Lane
Melissa Lassiter
James P. Lauder
Bill Messer
Robert Morgan
Amy Muncaster
Ashley Muncaster
Courtney Muncaster
Whitney Muncaster
Amanda Nall
Joseph Christopher Nall
Joseph C. Nall, Jr.
James R. Norris
Mark Pate
David Phillips
Mary Elizabeth Ray
James Reeves
Dennis Searcy
Glenn A. Smith
Rebecca Strickland
Michael D. Westcott

If you know how to contact any of the above-named persons, please do so and urge them to contact the Board immediately. Failure to substantiate eligibility by December 31, 2001, may result in forfeiture of eligibility under the above-referenced provision.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT



WILLIAM R. TURNER (non-registrant), Pelham, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on December 18, 2000, in which he agreed not to practice architecture and paid an administrative assessment of \$500.

DENNIS AVERY (non-registrant), Foley, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on January 3, 2001, in which he agreed not to practice architecture and paid an administrative assessment of \$500.

CHRIS GOVAN (non-registrant), Orange Beach, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on April 11, 2001, in which he agreed not to practice architecture and paid an administrative assessment of \$500.

MARK GORE (non-registrant), Clanton, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order on June 27, 2001, in which he agreed not to practice architecture and paid an administrative assessment of \$500.

FOSTER F. FOUNTAIN, #1713, Florence, Alabama, appeared before the Board on 6/6/00 and pled guilty to the charge of making a materially false statement of a material fact in connection with his registration or renewal. Sanctions included a three-year suspension of registration, \$2,500 fine, completion of continuing education requirements, and publication of the sanctions at the Board's discretion.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT (continued)

DANIEL P. LUHRS, #3974, Birmingham, Alabama, appeared before the Board on 6/6/01. The Board found Luhrs guilty of a violation of Rule 4.3 of the Board's Code of Professional Conduct. Sanctions included one year's probation, notice to the Board if he applies for registration in another state, and publication of the sanctions at his expense.

Congratulations are now in order

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam since publication of our last newsletter:

Jennifer W. Barber, Selma, AL
Eric Berg, Hoover, AL
James H. Berry, Fayette, AL
Cynthia Z. Coyle, Birmingham, AL
John H. Dean, Sacramento, CA
Robert P. Ehlinger, Huntsville, AL
Stephen A. Evans, Hoover, AL
Alexander Felder, Huntsville, AL
Marc E. Goldmon, Huntsville, AL
Jonathan B. McLelland, Tuscaloosa
Theo T. Miles, Jr., Baton Rouge, LA
Amanda Moore, Birmingham, AL
Richard A. Mueller, Mobile, AL
Michael L. Nelson, Birmingham, AL
Mark J. Pellettieri, Huntsville, AL
John K. Pursley, Montgomery, AL
William L. Sims, Jr., Tuscaloosa, AL
Joseph N. Swaika, Helena, AL
Steven F. Wagon, St Petersburg, FL
Richard Wendling, Montgomery, AL
Sean B. Whitt, Birmingham, AL
Melissa Williams, Birmingham, AL
Joel Williams, Birmingham, AL
Oreon R. Williams, York, AL
Dondi Williamson, Montgomery, AL

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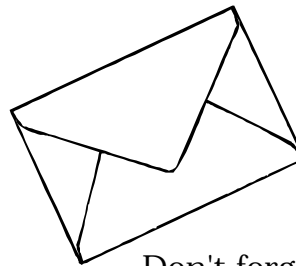
QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about one year ago today."

--E. Joseph Cossman

NOW AVAILABLE: REVISED A.R.E. STUDY GUIDES

NCARB has recently published its A.R.E. Study Guide in a fully revised format. Complementing editions address multiple choice and graphic divisions at a cost of \$49.95 each. For more information, visit the Council's web site at www.ncarb.org call (202) 783-6500.



**MAKE A "NOTE"
OF THIS**

Don't forget to notify the Board office of address changes.

The Board's web site is being revised and updated.

Renewals (with late penalty) are due in the Board office by December 31, 2001, to avoid lapse of registration.

The Board members are working on revisions to Alabama's statutes and continuing education regulation, based on input received at an August 2000 public hearing.